

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 13, 2003

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Rolling Hills Estates was called to order at 7:35 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 4045 Palos Verdes Drive North, by MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

City Council Members Present: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zuckerman

City Council Member Absent: Rauch

City Staff Present: City Manager Doug Prichard

City Attorney Richard Terzian

Assistant City Manager Sam Wise

Planning Director David Wahba

Finance Director Jud Norrell

Community Services Director Andy Clark

Administrative Analyst Greg Grammer

Others Present: David Pierson, Park and Activities Commission

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

NONE

ROUTINE MATTERS

A. CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – MEETING OF APRIL 22, 2003

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN

TO APPROVE THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF APRIL 22, 2003 AS PRESENTED.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL SO ORDERED.

B. DEMANDS AND WARRANTS – MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS

TO APPROVE WARRANTS 33594 THROUGH 33642 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$96,274.06;
SUPPLEMENTAL WARRANTS 040301 THROUGH 040302; 33450 THROUGH 33455; 33498 THROUGH
33508; 33574 THROUGH 33582 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$180,846.46 FOR A GRAND TOTAL AMOUNT
OF \$277,120.52 WITH PROPER AUDIT.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zuckerman

ABSENT: Rauch

CONSENT CALENDAR

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS

TO APPROVE ITEMS A-G.

A. READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

APPROVED.

B. QUARTERLY CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Recommendation: That the City Council receive and file this report.

RECEIVED AND FILED.

C. LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES PRIORITY FOCUS DATED APRIL 11, 2003

RECEIVED AND FILED.

D. LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES PRIORITY FOCUS DATED APRIL 18, 2003

RECEIVED AND FILED.

E. LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES PRIORITY FOCUS DATED APRIL 25, 2003

RECEIVED AND FILED.

F. LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES PRIORITY FOCUS DATED MAY 2, 2003

RECEIVED AND FILED.

G. JPIA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the applications of the Cities of Arroyo Grande, Atascadero, Grover Beach, Guadalupe, Morro Bay, El Paso de Robles, Pismo Beach, San Luis Obispo, Santa Paula, Sierra Madre and the Burney Fire Protection District for membership in the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (JPIA).

APPROVED.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL SO ORDERED.

AUDIENCE ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA/WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A. CAMPAIGN FOR PENINSULA SCHOOLS – YES ON MEASURE P PRESENTATION

MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL noted a letter of withdrawal was submitted, and therefore, pulled this item for discussion.

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS stated she was in favor of Measure P and strongly encouraged the COUNCIL, as a whole, to support this position.

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS moved,

TO SUPPORT MEASURE P ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

The motion died for lack of a second.

Brief discussion ensued with COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN commenting that, while this is the single most important issue to vote on in the June election, he believed that individual COUNCIL MEMBERS, rather than COUNCIL as a whole, should take a formal position.

It was the consensus of the COUNCIL to support this measure individually.

NEW BUSINESS

A. PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES – MEETING OF MAY 5, 2003

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN

TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF MAY 5, 2003.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL SO ORDERED.

B. PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MINUTES – MEETING OF MAY 6, 2003

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN

TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MINUTES OF MAY 6, 2003.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL SO ORDERED.

1. ACTION ITEM FROM MAY 6, 2003 MEETING (CITY CELEBRATION)

Recommendation: That the City Council terminate the agreement with Conte Productions for the 2003 City Celebration event and to approve the proposed Schedule of Events and corresponding event budget for Fiscal Year 2003-04 with modifications.

Community Services Director Clark provided a staff report (as per agenda material).

After some discussion regarding which location to hold this year's City Celebration, it was the consensus of the COUNCIL

TO DEFER DISCUSSION TO THE BUDGET STUDY SESSION.

C. SB 90 MANDATED COST REIMBURSEMENT CONTRACT

Recommendation: That the City Council enter into a renewal contract with Centration, Inc., for SB 90 Mandated Cost Reimbursement claim preparation services through June 30, 2006 subject to review by the City Attorney.

Finance Director Norrell provided a staff report (as per agenda material).

After several inquires from various COUNCIL MEMBERS, it was the consensus of the COUNCIL

TO DIRECT STAFF TO FURTHER INVESTIGATE OTHER STATE MANDATED PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR FILING AND DEFERRED DISCUSSION TO A FUTURE MEETING.

D. SUPPORT FOR LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE MODERNIZATION

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2019 supporting the Los Angeles Air Force Base modernization effort.

City Manager Prichard provided a staff report (as per agenda material).

MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL noted that the South Bay Cities Council of Governments voted to support this effort as it directly impacts many individuals in the South Bay who are employed by the aerospace industry.

1. RESOLUTION NO. 2019 FOR ADOPTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ESTATES SUPPORTING THE RETENTION AND MODERNIZATION OF THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE.

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS

TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2019.

City Manager Prichard read Resolution No. 2019 by title only.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zuckerman

ABSENT: Rauch

E. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Recommendation: That the City Council receive and file this report.

City Manager Prichard provided a staff report (as per agenda material).

After brief discussion of AB 1221 (which would exchange half of the one-cent local sales tax for an equivalent amount of property tax), it was the consensus of the COUNCIL to monitor this bill and take a position at a later time.

City Manager Prichard noted that letters have been sent to legislators imploring them to retain local cities' funding. He stated that staff is currently in the process of creating a zero-based budget with the understanding that the COUNCIL may "add back" items if they wish and discuss this further at the Budget Study Session.

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS noted she and MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL attended a League of California Cities meeting where discussion took place regarding the State budget.

Discussion continued with City Manager Prichard noting that a designation to allow for a contingency fund will be proposed in the event the City does not receive its vehicle license fee funds.

MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL informed the COUNCIL that a resolution will be presented at the Legislative Action Days Conference, sponsored by the League of California Cities, regarding State-Local fiscal relations and a State budget recovery plan. She requested COUNCIL support which would provide a constitutional guarantee for local revenues.

It was the consensus of the COUNCIL to support this resolution.

Brief discussion ensued regarding AB 1221.

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN

TO CONTINUE TO MONITOR AB 1221, SUPPORT A RESOLUTION RELATING TO STATE-LOCAL RELATIONS AND A STATE BUDGET RECOVERY PLAN, AND RECEIVE AND FILE THIS REPORT.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL SO ORDERED.

F. CITY HALL COPY MACHINE

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize staff to enter into an agreement with Océ-USA, Inc., for the purchase of an Océ 3275 Copier in the amount of \$21,744 (plus tax), and enter into a maintenance agreement with Océ-USA in the amount of \$452 per month.

Administrative Analyst Grammer provided a staff report (as per agenda material).

After brief discussion, COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH OCÉ-USA, INC., FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN OCÉ 3275 COPIER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,744 (PLUS TAX) AND ENTER INTO A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH OCÉ-USA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$452 PER MONTH.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Rauch, Seamans, Zuckerman

OLD BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION NO. 2018 FOR ADOPTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ESTATES UPHOLDING THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S DECISION DENYING A NEIGHBORHOOD COMPATIBILITY DETERMINATION AND A VARIANCE APPLICATION (PA-43-02) FOR A BLOCK WALL EXCEEDING 24" IN HEIGHT TO BE MAINTAINED WITHIN THE FRONT YARD AREA; APPLICANT: AJIM BAKSH; LOCATION: 4 HILLCREST MANOR.

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN

TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2018.

City Manager Prichard read Resolution No. 2018 by title only.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Zuckerman

ABSENT: Rauch

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

NONE

CITY COUNCIL/REGIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS: This item provides the opportunity for Members of the City Council to provide information and reports to other Members of the City Council and/or the public on any issues or activities of currently active Council Committees, ad hoc committees, regional or state-wide governmental associations, special districts and/or joint powers authorities and their various committees on which Members of the City Council might serve or have an interest, which are not otherwise agendaized.

A. COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN reported that he and MAYOR RAUCH attended the Regional Law Enforcement Committee meeting and noted items for discussion included continuation of the Student and the Law classes at Peninsula High School, to be considered at the Budget Study Session, and support of an Anti-Gang Ordinance.

B. COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN reported that he and COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS attended the Sheriff's Department Volunteer Luncheon. He noted he was extremely pleased with the level of involvement from 304 volunteers at the Lomita Sheriff's Station.

C. MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL reported that she attended the PV Transit Authority meeting noting that they will go out to bid for a primary service provider and adopted their budget for next year. Additionally,

she informed the COUNCIL that Michael Gin is now the Field Deputy Representative for Supervisor Knabe. She thanked Supervisor Knabe for recommending approval of a \$405,000 grant for PV Transit and noted her appreciation for their continuing support.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN inquired as to the ridership subsidy of PV Transit. MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL noted that ridership has increased thereby reducing the subsidy per rider.

D. MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL reported she attended the Equestrian Committee meeting on April 28, 2003. She noted that discussion included a presentation by the Municipal Stables Design and Engineering Consultant regarding proposed relocation sites for the stables. It was noted that the Draft EIR is expected to be available within the next 30 days.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, THE EQUESTRIAN COMMITTEE MINUTES OF APRIL 28, 2003 WERE RECEIVED AND FILED.

E. COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS referred to the proposed area code split and recommended that a letter be sent to the California Public Utilities Commission opposing this proposal. City Manager Prichard noted he will draft a letter on behalf of the City.

F. COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS announced that a Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up will be held on May 17 at Rancho Palos Verdes City Hall.

G. COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN once again urged residents to vote yes on Measure P on June 3.

H. COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN noted that he and various COUNCIL MEMBERS attended the Community Leaders Breakfast, Medal of Valor Luncheon and Sheriff's Memorial Service.

I. MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL thanked everyone who attended the Scout Pancake Breakfast on May 3 even though the Mayor's Breakfast Ride was cancelled due to inclement weather.

J. MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL noted her concern regarding the Federal Communications Commission's consideration of new rules and regulations allowing a single entity to own radio, television stations, etc., and believed it would set a dangerous precedent. She encouraged everyone to send a letter to the FCC opposing this issue prior to June 3.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS: This item provides the opportunity for Members of the City Council to request information on currently pending projects and/or issues of public concern, direct that an item be agendaized for future consideration and/or make announcements of interest to the public.

NONE

CLOSED SESSION

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:00 p.m., MAYOR RAUCH formally adjourned the City Council meeting to May 27, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Submitted by, Approved by,

Hope J. Nolan Douglas R. Prichard

Deputy City Clerk City Clerk